

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Rod Heiden presiding. Present were Council members Andy Young, Shayne Hennigar, Nick McOllough and Dave Flurer (absent Dan Hennigar). Also in attendance City Administrator Clint Middleton, City Attorney Chizek, PWD DeVries

Mayor Heiden called the meeting to order and polled the council for any conflicts of interest with the agenda. There were none. Mayor Heiden asked if there were any citizens to address the council, Peggy O'Neill had questions on Iowa Workforce Housing Grants, she was informed a joint Clarion/Eagle Grove/County application was awarded last year and an application is already in for this year. She also mentioned there was an abundance of dying trees in town. The City has treated over 130 Ash trees in an attempt to save them. There is also a list of trees that on city property or right of way that will need to be taken down.

Motioned by Young seconded by Flurer to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes- 2023.08.01; Financial report- approve checks; Licenses/Permits- (Building, Liquor, Tobacco, Sign, Peddler, Street Closure) Building - Ring (Motion passed 4-0, D. Hennigar absent). Building permit - Rink was not acted upon as it did not meet criteria for a building that could (167.17), the sign permit was tabled for more information.

Motioned by Flurer seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Resolution (23-55) approving pay request #4 with Peterson Construction for WTP \$680,200.00 (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar absent).

Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Resolution (23-56) approving pay request #6 with McKeniss for Aspen Drive Project for \$39,234.08 (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar absent).

Discussion on Permit Requirements was held. Heiden – It has been discussed in the past that businesses that operate in Clarion should also have an office located in town. They take money from Clarion. We already have franchise fees set up with utility/cable companies etc. S. Hennigar – In the case of Mid-America we will need to request that a truck be stationed in Clarion as that is part of our agreement. Because of that stipulation we have on and a truck is not coming from hours away when needed. Chizek – I do business in Clarion and I don't have an office, there are many that are similar to me. Where do we draw the line? McOllough – This is a slippery slope, wording will get muddy. All agreed a blanket policy will not work. Middleton will convene the Enterprise Committee to come up with a recommendation to the Council.

Motioned by Young seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (23-57) setting date for Public Hearing on sale of property (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar absent).

Comments from the Council or Dept heads: Young questioned about certain landscaping project, DeVries told him it was to be started yet this week. Young wanted to know when Willow Drive to the High School will be redone. DeVries agreed it will be the road most in need of repair after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project is completed. Willow will take more than just road work as a complete Storm Water System will need to be installed.

Motioned by S. Hennigar seconded by Young to go into Closed Session : Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j)- To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. (Motion passed 4-0, D. Hennigar absent). D. Hennigar joined the Closed Session by phone. Motioned by Young seconded by Flurer to go out of Closed Session. (Motion passed 5-0). No action was taken after the Closed Session.

Motioned by Flurer seconded by S. Hennigar to adjourn. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Clint Middleton City Administrator

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Rod Heiden, Mayor